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DATE: September 27, 2010

TO: All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Mekong Fresh Meats Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Class II Recall; Contain an undeclared allergen, wheat; Recommend notification of

affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the neighboring States of Michigan and Ohio. The recalled products were distributed to retail establishments. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if

any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Wisconsin Firm Recalls Cured Uncooked Sausage Products Due To Mislabeling and an Undeclared Allergen

Recall Release CLASS II RECALL FSIS-RC-053-2010 HEALTH RISK: LOW

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WASHINGTON, September 24, 2010 - Mekong Fresh Meats, a Mosinee, Wis., establishment, is recalling approximately 29,893 pounds of cured uncooked pork ginger sausages because they contain an undeclared allergen, wheat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. Wheat is a known allergen, which is not declared on the label.

The products subject to recall include: [View Label]

5-lb. bags of "CURED UNCOOKED PORK GINGER SAUSAGE 50 PCS."

- 16-ounce packages of "CURED UNCOOKED PORK GINGER SAUSAGE."
- 20-ounce packages of "CURED UNCOOKED PORK GINGER SAUSAGE."
- 32-ounce packages of "CURED UNCOOKED PORK GINGER SAUSAGE."

Each package bears the establishment number "EST. 27488A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The sausage products were produced between June 21, 2010 and September 21, 2010. These products were distributed to retail establishments in Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

The problem was discovered by FSIS during a labeling review at the establishment. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an allergic reaction should contact a physician.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers (including restaurants) of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumer and media with questions about the recall should contact Soua Yang, Owner, Mekong Fresh Meats, at (715) 693-1341.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from I0 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.